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**EXCISE**

### **TAIWAN/LATVIA/PRC: CONSULAR GAMBIT**

Taiwan and Latvia established consular relations on January 29, according to AIT Taipei. Taiwan, whose office will be called the "consulate-general of the Republic of China in Riga," agreed to provide Latvia with an undisclosed amount of aid. The PRC has publicly lodged a strong protest against Latvia.

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